

# PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: SCHMID-25

In re Application of:	)	
CHRISTINE SCHMID	)	
Appl. No.: 10/596,550	)	
Filed: June 16, 2006	)	Confirmation No.: 7799
For: ARRANGEMENT FOR REDUCING OR DESTROYING GERMS IN BODY CAVITIES OF LIVING ORGANISMS	)	

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/AT2004/000440 and in a Austria Office Action, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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The undersigned hereby states:
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report:

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	3,777,748	12-11-1973	Abramson			
	4,246,896	01-27-1981	Home, Jr. et al.			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
DE 31 25 922 A1	08-25-1983	Germany			no
WO 93/12836 A	07-08-1993	PCT			yes
EP 0 556 908 A1	08-25-1993	Europe			yes

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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